

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

FY 2020 TPTF GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT INFORMATION

In January 2019, the THC accepted 42 grant applications requesting over \$1.1 million in grant funds. Twenty-nine projects were selected from the initial application stage to proceed to the project proposal stage. Twenty-four proposals were submitted to the THC in July. At the THC's quarterly meeting on October 4, 2019, eleven proposals were approved for grant funding totaling \$245,884. Also, the THC had a special earmark of grant funds available for projects located in Galveston County and three projects were approved for funding totaling \$105,777.

Archeology project:

Archeology Curatorial Project: The **Loma Sandia site (Live Oak County)** is a significant cemetery site and is considered one of three very large prehistoric cemeteries recorded in south Texas. The site is a State Archeological Landmark based on the importance of the collected artifacts and data for studies of Texas prehistory. The collection does not meet current curation standards, nor does it have a usable artifact inventory. This grant will help document the collection and curate it as specified in the THC certification program

Heritage Education project:

- 1) Rural Lands Archeology Preservation (Statewide initiative)** – The Council of Texas Archeology (CTA) proposes to develop an information campaign delivered through an effective engagement strategy that creates a forum where professional archeologists and private landowners can address cultural resource preservation issues. The CTA will use the grant money to cover the costs associated sending representatives to engage rural landowners at a number of focused rural land-owner events across the state.
- 2) Heritage Education Project: The Aya Education Programs – An Exploration of Texas Freedom Colonies (East Texas Region/Newton County)** – program is an outgrowth of the previously funded Texas Purple Hull Pea Festival Symposium attracting a broader audience from across the state at a more central location at Prairie View A&M. The Aya Symposium will continue its association with the Texas Purple Hull Pea Festival with tours as well as a series of Youth Archeology Workshops.

Architecture projects:

- 1) Goodrich Elementary, Goodrich (Polk County)** – Development project. Phase 1 auditorium repairs will include windows, front and rear doors, and approximately 20 sq. ft. of wood flooring repairs.
- 2) Rio Vista Farms, Socorro (El Paso County)** – Planning project. Project is for the development of stabilization and full rehabilitation plans and specifications for Rio Vista Buildings 21 and 26 to be used as a modern public library.
- 3) Bassett Farms Cultural Landscape Inventory, Kosse (Limestone/Falls County)** – Planning project. The cultural landscape report will include the landscape's development history, an assessment of the character-defining features of the cultural landscape and how

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they relate to the property's historic significance and integrity, and specific treatment recommendations to ensure the preservation of these significant historic resources.

- 4) **Gonzales Memorial Museum and Amphitheater, Gonzales (Gonzales County)** – Development project. Project will mitigate future water migration into the museum and amphitheater by performing a complete removal and replacement of existing museum and Amphitheatre roofs, and other miscellaneous roof repairs.
- 5) **San Agustin Cathedral, Laredo (Webb County)** – Development project. Phase 2 of the structural repairs include resolve existing issue of settlement and separation at the clock tower.
- 6) **Temple Freda, Bryan (Brazos County)** – Development project. Project will include: structural repairs to strengthen the floor and roof systems, stabilization of the exterior masonry walls, removal and initial conservation of the interior ornamental metal ceiling, repair of a failing interior masonry arch, and repair and replacement of the roofing system.
- 7) **Wheelock School House, Wheelock (Robertson County)** – Development project. Restoration of the building's second-floor original double-hung wood windows. The THC funding the first-floor windows in FY 2018.
- 8) **1885 Gonzales County Jail, Gonzales (Gonzales County)** – Development project. Grant funds will assist in the restoration of identified jail wooden windows in their effort to mitigate current and future water infiltration.

Architecture, Galveston County projects:

- 1) **E. S. Levy Building/National Hotel Artist Lofts, Galveston (Galveston County)** – Development project. Window restoration project will address approximately 50 of the 116 windows.
- 2) **Reedy Chapel AME, Galveston (Galveston County)** - The proposed work will repair or replace the east end balcony support beam that has been severely damaged by termites.
- 3) **Bishop's Palace, Galveston (Galveston County)** – Development project. Scope of work will include making the necessary repairs to the 28 windows (14 upper windows and 14 lower windows) and repainting the window frames and trim, reconstructing the original copper roof, and repairs to the steel supports that have corroded overtime due to exposure.